

SENATE CHAMBER,
SATURDAY, Feb. 28, 1846.

Senate met, pursuant to adjournment—roll called, and a quorum present.

Journals of the preceding day, read and adopted.

Senator McKinney, presented the petition of the citizens of Galveston, praying an amendment to their Charter, so as to levy a tax for the support of public schools. Read and referred to the committee on Education.

Senator Wood, Chairman of select committee, to whom was referred a bill, to be entitled, an act providing for the election of Representatives to the Congress of the United States, together with the amendments of the House, reported the same back, and recommended its passage. On motion, the report was adopted.

Senator Williams, introduced a bill, to be entitled, an act to create the county of Collin. Read 1st time.

Senator Wallace, introduced a bill, to be entitled, an act to exempt from taxation two hundred and fifty dollars worth of house-hold furniture or other property, belonging to each family in the State. Read 1st time.

Also a bill, to be entitled, an act prescribing and defining the time at which all laws that may be hereafter enacted, shall have and go into effect. Read 1st time.

Senator Bagby, offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That so much of the message of His Excellency the Governor, as relates to Taxation, be referred to the committee on Finance; so much of the same as relates to the appointing of Assessors and Collectors, be referred to the committee on the Judiciary; so much as relates to the Report of the Secretary of the Treasury, be referred to the committee on Finance; and so much as relates to the Public Debt, be referred to the same committee : so much as relates to the Public Lands, be referred to the committee on Education; so much as relates to Civil and Military laws, be referred to the committee on the Judiciary; so much as relates to Public Buildings, be referred to the committee on the Affairs of State; so much as relates to the Militia, be referred to the committee on the Militia; and so much as relates to the Commissioner of the General Land Office, be referred to the committee on Public Lands. Adopted.

Senator Brashear, offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Governor be requested, to cause to be furnished to our Senators and Representatives in Congress, so

much of the correspondence with our late *Charge* as relates to the settlement, acknowledgment, or liquidation or admission of any claims in behalf of the late Republic, against the United States, and that any testimony relating to such, or any claim or claims, be also furnished.

Resolved further, That our Senators be instructed, and our Representatives requested, to give their attention to the allowance and payment of those claims, in accordance with the engagements of the United States, in relation to the same — Adopted.

Senator Bagby, introduced a bill, to be entitled, an act providing for the appointment of patrols. Read 1st time.

On motion of Senator Parker, the Senate proceeded to the

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A bill, to be entitled, an act to authorize the Commissioner of the General Land Office, to issue a Patent for one third of a league of land, to John Tom. Read 2d time, and on motion, laid on the table.

A bill, to be entitled, an act to create the county of Hopkins; on the report of committee on County Boundaries.

Senator Williams, offered the following amendment :

"*Sec. 4. Be it further enacted*, That James E. Hopkins, Robert Hargrave, James Ward, William Wilkins and Barker, be, and they are hereby appointed Commissioners, whose duty it shall be to find the centre of said county, and select two or more places within three miles of said centre, having due respect to donations that may be offered by individuals, of land or other property, for a town site for the use of the county. The Commissioners shall then proceed to hold an election, and the place receiving the greatest number of votes shall be the county seat of said county, and the place so selected, shall be known and called by the name of Tarrant. After which, the Commissioners shall proceed to lay off a town, and sell the lots therein at public auction, on a credit of twelve months; and all the proceeds arising from the sale of lots, or other donations, shall be applied by the Commissioners herein created, for the erection of public buildings for the use of the county; reserving for themselves one dollar per day, each, for each and every day they may be required to serve as such Commissioners.

Sec. 5. Be it further enacted, That the county of Hopkins, shall pay one fourth part of the public debt of Lamar county."

Senator Hogg, moved to strike out the 5th section of the

amendment. The yeas and nays being called for, stood thus:

Yeas. Senators, Brashear, Burleson, Hogg, McKinney, McNeel, Miller, Navarro, Parker, Phillips, Robinson, Scott, Wallace and Wood—13.

Nays. Senators, Bagby, Bourland, Cuney, Grimes, Jewett and Williams—6. Motion carried.

On motion of Senator Phillips, the bill and amendments were referred to the committee on Finance.

A bill, to be entitled, an act to authorize Lavinia Mansel and her children, to reside permanently in the State. Read 2d time, and on motion, laid on the table until Monday at 11 o'clock.

A bill, to be entitled, an act to place Volunteers in the Naval service of Texas, on the same footing as Volunteers in the Army of Texas; on report of the committee on Public Lands—on motion of Senator Wallace, the bill was re-committed to the committee on Public Lands.

Joint Resolution, for the relief of Jose Cassiano, read 2d time, and referred to the committee on Claims and Accounts.

A bill, to be entitled, an act to define the county boundary of Fannin county—report of committee on County Boundaries adopted, and bill ordered to be engrossed.

Joint Resolution, relative to the protection of the frontier. Read 2d time, and ordered to be engrossed.

A bill, to be entitled, an act to reduce the license tax. Read 2d time.

Senator Robinson, moved its reference to the committee on Finance—lost, and bill laid on the table.

A bill, to be entitled, an act to exclude from suffrage, persons convicted of high crimes. Read 2d time, and referred to the Judiciary committee.

A bill, to be entitled, an act for the appointing and governing of Pilots for the Port of Galveston. Report of select committee, with amendments, adopted, and on motion, bill laid on the table.

A bill, to be entitled, an act to create the county of White; on report of committee on County Boundaries.

Senator McNeel, moved to strike out "White," wherever it occurs in the bill, and insert "Grayson." Carried.

Senator Williams, offered the following amendment:

"Sec. 4. *Be it further enacted*, That James Thompson, Jas. B. Shannon, George C. Dugan, Richard R. McIntyre, and Micajah C. Davis, be, and they are hereby appointed Commission-

ers, whose duty it shall be to find the centre of said county, and select two or more places within three miles of said centre, having due respect to donations that may be offered of land or other property, for a town site for the use of said county. The Commissioners shall then proceed to hold elections at the precincts in said county, and the place receiving the highest number of votes shall be the county seat of said county, and the place so elected shall be known and called by the name of Sherman. After which, the Commissioners shall proceed to lay off a town, and sell the lots therein, on a credit of twelve months; and after reserving one dollar per day, each, for each and every day they may be required to serve as Commissioners, appropriate the remainder of the proceeds arising from such sale, to the erection of the necessary public buildings for the use of the county."

Senator Hogg, moved to strike out so much of the section, as relates to the election of the site by the people. Lost.

Senator Parker, moved to strike out the words "or more," in the section. Carried. Amendments adopted, and bill ordered to be engrossed.

A bill, to be entitled, an act to create the county of Dallas. Report of committee on County Boundaries adopted, and bill ordered to be engrossed.

A bill, to be entitled, an act to create the county of Leon. Report of committee on County Boundaries adopted, and bill ordered to be engrossed.

A bill, to be entitled, an act to create the county of Hunt—on report of the committee on County Boundaries. On motion, laid on the table.

Senator Wood, moved to take up resolution of the House, requesting the committee on Military Affairs of the Senate, to act with the committee on the Militia of the House. Carried, and resolution adopted.

Senator Kinney, by leave, introduced a bill, to be entitled, an act for the liquidation and adjustment of the public debt. Read 1st time.

On motion of Senator Robinson, Senator Wallace was added to the Judiciary committee.

On motion of Senator Wallace, 500 copies of the act to provide for the election of Representatives to the United States Congress, were ordered to be printed.

Senator McKinney, introduced a bill, to be entitled, an act to authorize Clerks of the District Courts to issue remedial writs. Read 1st time.

On motion of Senator Parker, the Senate adjourned until Monday, at 10 o'clock, A. M

SENATE CHAMBER, }
MONDAY, March 2, 1846. }

Senate met pursuant to adjournment, roll called and a quorum present.

Journal of the preceding day read and adopted.

Senator Scott, Chairman of the committee on Engrossed bills, reported that the committee had examined and found correctly engrossed, the following bills:

A bill, to be entitled, an act to create the county of Leon.

A bill, to be entitled, an act to create the county of Grayson.

A bill, to be entitled, an act to create the county of Dallas.

A bill, to be entitled, an act better to define the boundary line of Fannin county.

Joint resolution concerning the protection of the frontier.

Senator Scott, Chairman of committee on Enrolled bills, reported "an act to provide for the election of Representatives to the Congress of the United States," correctly enrolled.

Senator Wallace presented the petition of A. Huston, praying the passage of a bill making him the plaintiff, in an action against the Republic of Texas; read and referred to the Judiciary committee.

Senator Bagby introduced a bill, to be entitled, an act to regulate the mileage of practising physicians; read 1st time.

Senator Wood offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That a committee be raised on the part of the Senate to confer with a like committee on the part of the House, to enquire into the expediency of instructing our Senators in the United States Congress, to sustain the policy recommended by President Polk, in his late message to Congress in relation to the Oregon question.

On motion of Senator Williamson, the Senate went into executive session. After some time spent therein, it being the anniversary of Texian Independence, on motion of Senator Parker, the Senate adjourned until 10 o'clock to-morrow.